

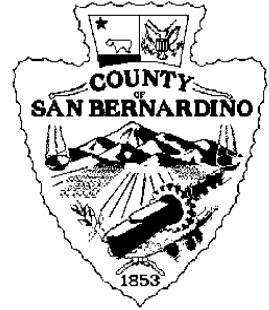
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES COMMUNITY GRANTS

SAN BERNARDINO -- The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today approved an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocating the County's \$9,078,369 from the Community Development Block Grant Program. Of this amount, \$7,212,579 will be divided to fund community projects and services among the County's five Supervisorial districts. Of that amount, \$1,256,000 is allocated for the First Supervisorial District.

First District funds will be spent on facilities and public service programs throughout the unincorporated communities as well as the Cities of Adelanto, Barstow, Needles and Twentynine Palms. The cities of Apple Valley, Hesperia and Victorville administer separate CDBG programs because of the size of their respective populations.

Funded activities are identified through a public application and hearing process and are prioritized by each County Supervisor's Office and ultimately by the Board of Supervisors. After a 30-day public-comment period, the plan will be submitted in final form to HUD. The grant funding will become available after July 1, 2005.

San Bernardino County has received an average of \$7.8 million in Block Grant funding each year for more than a quarter century to revitalize neighborhoods, fund public services, repair and preserve housing and provide jobs to low- and moderate-income households, senior citizens and the physically or developmentally challenged.

The Community Development Block Grant program was established by passage of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The law consolidated several categorical programs into one program serving 170 urban counties and 946 large cities nationwide and administered at the local level by counties and cities.

"For the past 30 years, CDBG has provided funding for public facilities, infrastructure, housing, public services, and economic development throughout the County. Together federal, state and local governments, business and non-profits have collaborated on projects and programs that have improved communities and lives. The CDBG program is very important, particularly to under-served and rural areas within my district," said First District Supervisor Bill Postmus. "I

look forward every year to seeing all of the worthwhile community programs and projects that deserve funding—I only wish we could fund more of them.”

Following is a summary of First District projects and programs approved for CDBG funding by the Board of Supervisors today:

Construction projects

Community Facilities (9)

Adelanto	\$ 15,000
Barstow (2)	\$ 50,000
Twentynine Palms (2)	\$ 87,400
First District (2)	\$ 70,000
Oro Grande	\$ 20,000
Yermo	\$ 26,000
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Subtotal	\$268,400

Parks and Recreational Facilities (4)

Barstow	\$183,600
Twentynine Palms (2)	\$ 44,000
Lucerne Valley	\$ 80,000
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Subtotal	\$307,600

Infrastructure Improvements (6)

Adelanto	\$172,550
Twentynine Palms (2)	\$ 51,000
Yermo	\$ 35,000
Needles	\$ 19,899
Lucerne Valley	\$ 25,000
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Subtotal	\$303,449

Fire Stations (1)

Needles	\$ 29,401
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Subtotal	\$ 29,401

Programs and Services

Youth Services (7)	\$ 56,950
Senior Services (10)	\$105,700
Health Services (8)	\$ 61,500
Literacy Services (4)	\$ 22,500
Domestic Violence Services (4)	\$ 23,000

Detail on Construction Projects

Installation of Heating and Air Conditioning - Theatre 29	\$ 25,000
Sports Field Lighting at Lucerne Valley Middle School/High School	\$ 80,000
Installation of Two Bus Shelters Along Twentynine Palms Highway, and Raymond	\$ 16,000
Heating/Air Conditioning Improvements Living Facilities-Oasis Counseling Center, Barstow	\$ 35,000
Facility Rehabilitation -Twentynine Palms Senior Citizens Center	\$ 62,400
Replacement of Homeless Shelter Built-In Appliances - Desert Manna Ministries, Barstow	\$ 15,000

Expansion of the Boys and Girls Club of the Victor Valley, Adelanto	\$ 15,000
Heating and Cooling Improvements to Yermo Community Center	\$ 26,000
"Miracle Center" Community/Youth Center Improvements-Silver Lakes Community Church	\$ 20,000
Oro Grande Community Center Flooring Improvements - Special Districts, CSA #42	\$ 20,000
Construction of a BMX Track at Knott's Sky Park	\$ 9,000
Installation of Exterior Lighting at Luckie Park Pool	\$ 35,000
Construction of Skate Park at Dana Park	\$183,600
Additional Funds for Sidewalk Replacement in Needles Target Areas	\$ 19,899
Curbs, Gutters, and Handicap Access Ramps at 29 Palms Historical Society Facility	\$ 35,000
Continuation of Payments for Purchase of Fire Engine - City of Needles	\$ 29,401
First District Demolition and Clearance of Condemned Vacant Buildings, Yermo	\$ 35,000
Dining Facility Feasibility Study for "Harvey House" Historic Railroad Depot, Barstow	\$ 50,000
New - Water/Sewer System Design Study for Lucerne Valley Commercial Business Corridor	\$ 25,000
First District Land Acquisition	\$ 52,500
New - Street and Sidewalk Improvements in Target Areas	\$172,550

Detail on Programs and Services

Literacy Education at Adelanto Branch Library	\$ 5,000
Literacy Education at Barstow Branch Library	\$ 5,000
Emergency Food and Clothing Distribution Services - Adelanto Community Resource Center	\$ 5,000
Senior Citizens Transportation Service - City of Needles	\$ 8,700
Senior Services - Trona Community Senior Center Operations	\$ 20,000
Senior Day Care Center Services - Mojave Valley Volunteer Hospice, Barstow	\$ 10,000
Senior Nutrition/Outreach Program for Seniors at Pinon Hills Senior Center - Special Districts	\$ 13,000
Senior Nutrition/Outreach Program for Services at El Mirage Senior Center - Special Districts	\$ 13,000
Senior Outreach/Nutrition Program Services at Wrightwood Senior Center - Special Districts	\$ 13,000
Senior Outreach/Nutrition Program Services at Phelan Senior Center - Special Districts	\$ 13,000
Big River Senior Center Meals Program - Bonnie Baker Senior Citizens	\$ 5,000
Congregate and Delivered Meals Program for Seniors - High Desert Meals on Wheels	\$ 5,000
Senior Nutrition Services at the Hinkley Senior Center - DAAS	\$ 5,000
Legal Aid Services for Barstow and Victorville areas - Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino	\$ 10,000
At-Risk Youth Program - Barstow Police Activity League	\$ 5,000
Summer Arts and Crafts Program - Twentynine Palms Youth Club	\$ 10,000
"Adelanto Youth Connection" Employment Preparation - Community Tool Box	\$ 15,450
Mentoring Services for Violence Substance Abuse Prevention - One 2 One Mentors, Victorville	\$ 5,000
Recreational Sports, Health and Fitness Services - YMCA of Redlands, Phelan Branch	\$ 5,000
Athletic Competition for At-Risk Youth in Lucerne Valley - Community Youth Athletic Program	\$ 10,000
Senior and Handicapped Transportation - Reach Out 29, Twentynine Palms	\$ 10,000
Equipment and Transportation Services for Disabled Individuals - Special Olympics, Barstow	\$ 5,000
Youth Drug Prevention and Intervention Services - WestCare, Needles Area	\$ 10,000
Victor Valley Domestic Violence Shelter Services, Victorville	\$ 5,000
Domestic Violence Shelter Services - Morongo Basin Unity Home, Joshua Tree	\$ 5,000
Domestic Violence Outreach Services - High Desert Domestic Violence Program, Victorville	\$ 5,000
Life Skills, Computer Literacy and Technology Training - Burning Bush Baptist Church, Victorville	\$ 7,500
Intervention and Counseling in Twentynine Palms - San Bernardino Sexual Assault Services	\$ 4,600
Continuation of Community Cleanup and Juvenile Diversion-Barstow Youth Accountability Board	\$ 6,500
Child Care Services for Victims of Domestic Violence - Desert Sanctuary, Barstow	\$ 8,000
High Desert Homeless Shelter Services, Victor Valley	\$ 10,000
Emergency Disaster Relief Services - Morongo Basin Chapter, American Red Cross	\$ 5,000
Crises Pregnancy Services - Barstow Pregnancy Center	\$ 8,400
Service Program for At-Risk Teens and Single Mothers - Moses House Ministries, Victorville	\$ 10,000
Transitional Housing Services for Homeless - New Hope Village, Barstow	\$ 6,000
Family Mental Health Counseling Services - Oasis Counseling Centers, Barstow	\$ 7,500

First District Unincorporated Subtotal:	\$ 618,000
First District Incorporated Subtotal:	\$ 638,000
First District Total:	<u>\$1,256,000</u>